

BLACK RIVER AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order – President, Dean Weurding, KE8TVR

Date: 01/13/2026

Time: 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Introduction of members

Meeting Location: VBISD Conference Center, Lawrence, MI

Members Present: 11 members present

Secretary's Report – Ed Alderman KI8Z

- Ed, KI8Z provided brief summary of BRARC Board meeting held on December 18, 2025. See attached.
- The November 2025 meeting minutes were mailed or emailed to members. There were no additions nor corrections. Motion by Jim, N8JVC approve, Seconded by Frank, AD8BU. Motion carried

Treasurer's Report – Jim Cady, N8JVC

- Jim, N8JVC reported a 12/31/25 Checking Account Balance of \$2,349.57 and \$19.12 cash on hand.
- He presented a detailed printed reports for November and December 2025. No questions nor comments. Motion by Wayne, N8UC to approve, .Seconded by Frank, AD8BU. Motion carried.

Technical Committee Report – Aaron Wiedbrauk, KE8ZEX

- Aaron, KE8ZEX report that a formal committee has yet to be held but several discussions have been held by various members and other regarding issues needing attention. A charger/converter is needed for the trailer. There is a spool of coax that is in the trailer, need to know who it belongs to and if it is the club's what to do with it. A water leak was noted in the trailer that probably was related to the roof vent which is now closed but needs to be repaired. No water damage was evident. Aaron led a discussion related to the point to point project.
- Motion by Wayne, N8UC to pursue a club controlled Internet Connection at the repeater site. Details to be completed by the Tech Committee. Seconded by John, KD8NNQ. Motion carried.

ARES/RACES/SKYWARN – Mike Greis KD8GTX (Absent)

- No Activity Report available
- Note: Mike's wife, Linda passed away on 01/10/26. Ed, KI8Z will mail a sympathy card from the club.

Old Business

- No Bids have been received from club members for the club transceivers that are for sale. One bid from a non-member of \$1100.00 for the Yeasu bundle. That will be accepted. The other items will be discussed at a later date.

New Business

- Motion from the Tech Committee to purchase a dedicated battery charger for the communications trailer at a cost of approximately \$250.00. After discussion. Motion carried.

- Winter Field Day is coming up January 24-25, 2026. Anthony, N8VOX is coordinating the event which will be held at Dean, KE8TVR's barn near Lawton. There will be some setup on Friday Afternoon and operating on Saturday. If you haven't already done so, contact Anthony for details.
- A presentation related to the Linex operating system by AD8BU was postpone due to time constraints.
- Looking ahead, the Michigan QSO Party is April 18, 2026. Jason, KE8VRW has suggested that we do a Multi-OP, Multi transmitter MiQP entry and a Club POTA activation at the same time. The Cornish State Game area south of Lawton Hs been scouted as a possible site. More information will be discussed at future meetings.
- The traditional club Ladies Appreciation Night was discussed. It was decided that it will be held on 2/15/26 at 3:00PM at Frieda's Cantina near Bangor. Scott, K8JNO agreed to check on availability and confirm details at the February Meeting.
- Discussion was held regarding apparent intentional interference to our repeaters. Specific details of actions being taken are being published but appropriate actions are being taken.
- Motion by John, KD8NNQ, to proceed with Hot spot contract for the repeater site. Seconded by Aaron, KE8ZEX.

Next Meeting

- Tuesday February 10, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the VBISD Conference Center in Lawrence at 409 S. Paw Paw Street.

CLOSING The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.